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A) YUGOSLAV LAND FORCES

WORKERS' DETACHMENTS

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Workers' Battalion - Military Enterprise "Tempo"

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Military Post: Enterprise "Tempo"

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CO: a captain

Strength: about 1,000 men

Composition:

Battalion of 5 companies of which:

--1-st Co.: about 260 men;

CO; a Lt.

--2-nd Co.: about 180-200 men;

CO; a Lt.

--3-rd Co.: about 180-200 men;

CO; a SubLt.

--4-th Co.: about 160-180 men;

CO; a Lt.

--5-th Co.: about 120-130 men;

CO; a senior sgt.

Living quarters of the battalion:

The battalion is quartered in a group of ~~barracks~~ wooden barracks located about 100 meters west from the constructions to which the soldiers are attached.

This group of barracks is composed of:

-- 4 wooden barracks, approx. dimensions 50 x 12 m, covered with the tarred ~~wooden~~

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cardboard in the form of semi-circle; used as dormitories for troops. [redacted]

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-- 1 wooden barracks, of approx. dimensions 25 x 10 m, covered with the tarred cardboard in the form of semi-circle; used for offices of the Battalion HQ.

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-- 1 wooden barrack, of approx. dimensions 8 x 6 m, covered with the tarred cardboard; used as kitchen for ^{soldiers} ~~troops~~ [redacted]

Armament: none.

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The work carried out by the battalion:

- levelling of the terrain;
- transportation of construction material;
- ordinary manual work and ~~help~~ assistance to the civilian workers engaged in construction work.

Work shifts:

The work is carried out in 3 shifts:

- from 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM;
- from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM;
- from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

Food:

Breakfast: 4 times per week - black coffee;

3 times per week - soup and a little jelly.

Lunch : vegetable soup - macaroni - beans - cabbage in turn;
no meat on monday, thursday, and saturday.

Dinner : the same as lunch in reversed order.

Bread: : 600 grams daily in the beginning, since 2 months ago 850 grams daily;
badly prepared, of lower than average quality, sour.

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Electric power:

It is furnished during the construction by the station at DUGA RESA

/KARLOVAC NH-BH/.

The machinery ~~and disposition~~ available:

..... available to the battalion and to the civilian workers engaged in masonry work are:

--concrete-making machines / ... German-made and one Italian-made/;

--3 stone-breaking machines /one in the quarry located in the same place, immediately south from the building grounds, and two on the building grounds/;

--2 electric saws;

--decauville railway, with the small oil-burning locomotives, connecting the quarry with the building grounds and this one with the normal gauge line across a ~~provisional~~ temporary (provisory) bridge.

B) ECONOMIC DATA

INDUSTRIES

A new not defined plant for heavy metalurgical industry.

There is a new plant in construction but [] not able to say precisely of what kind it is supposed to be.

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[] it is a plant 50X1-HUM

for the heavy metalurgical industry.

Location:

About 3 km in the air line SSW from the KARLOVAC,
beyond the MREZNICA river, about from the locality M. ŠVARČA,
and about 2 km from the locality KARLOVAC.

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The works undertaken:

1)-The main construction, of dimensions 170 x 100 m, divided into three longitudinal bodies, of which the lateral ones are about 10 m high, and the central one about 18 m. The construction is based on columns in reinforced concrete, of dimensions 0.90 x 0.50 m approx., with outer walls in brick.

The roof of the two lateral bodies is of terrace type in concrete; the central body has an arch-like roof supported by columns and covered ^{by} ~~with~~ plates in concrete.

2)-5 pavilions of dimensions 20 x 10 m, about 6-7 m high, with one floor.

The construction is based on columns in reinforced concrete, enclosed by brick; the roof is terrace-like, in concrete.

3)-The quarry from which the material needed for construction is ^{being} excavated .

4)-Workers' houses: This is a group of serial buildings of dimensions of 20 x 20 m approx., with basement, groundfloor, and one floor, which will serve as living quarters for the workers with families. The group is situated on the other side of the river MREZNICA, between the road for KARLOVAC and the RR line for DUGARESA; each building will have 4 apartments. The situation of works:

- 20 workers' houses are already completed, and some of them are already occupied by the personnel which is directing the construction works of the plant;
- 10-15 are in construction.

General situation of works:

--the main construction /~~No. 1 on the attached sketch~~: the two lateral bodies are already completed and covered; the central body is completed, and it will be covered at any time;

--pavilions /~~No. 2 on the attached sketch~~: vertical walls are completed; they will be covered at any time

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RR link

A RR link, altogether 1,600 - 1,800 meters long, is being constructed 50X1-HUM

The RR link will have to cross the river MREZNICA on a bridge which is now in construction [redacted] and will enter ~~into~~ the interior of the 50X1-HUM main construction [redacted]

The bridge on the MREZNICA river

Its construction is needed for the passage of the RR link. The works for ~~the~~ placing in of blocks of cement for foundation of the columns ~~of~~ concrete have already been started. The length of the bridge: about 40 meters.

It is not known if also the plain part of the bridge will be in concrete or in iron.

Provisory bridge in wood

A provisory bridge in wood, on the same river, has been constructed during the building of the plant in order to make possible the temporary passage of a decauville RR for the transportation of material from the RR line to the building grounds.

Machinery

The source says that he heard ~~that~~ (through hearsay) that the heavy machinery for the installation ~~at~~ the plant has already arrived.

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Surveillance during the works

20 soldiers and one noncom, provided by a not known detachment of the garrison of KARLOVAC, are engaged in surveillance.

Armanent: "Mauser" semi-automatic rifle, Yugoslav-made.
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A) YUGOSLAV LAND FORCES

a) Various military data

1) Morale of the soldiers recalled for training

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Many who were recalled for training are destined for manual work /digging of ditches, etc./ in the establishment "RANKOVIC".

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The source had opportunity to hear them openly curse the government, also in the presence of other colleagues, which takes them away from their families and which employs them for other purposes instead of training. The source often intervened in order to calm them and told them that they should be patient since the few months of recall would pass quickly.

2) Uniforms:

The common soldiers belonging to the garrison of FIUME are wearing uniforms which are very worn out and which are patched up all over. This is especially the case of recalled soldiers.

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But the officers are very well dressed wear long leather or topcoats with the seam in the color of the branch of the Army.

B) ECONOMIC DATA

1) Industries

The establishment "RANKOVIC" /torpedo factory/

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Director of the establishment: Lt.Col. Eng. OKLOPDJA.

Department 320

This department is designed the construction of compressors. It

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depends from the 4-th Section.

Chief of Section: Air Force Maj. Muhamed BOGUNIC until the first ten days of Jan. 1952; from that time on he was transferred to the direction of the foundry department. The direction of the 4-th Section /Načelnik/ was taken by the Naval 2-nd Lt. PREKUPEC -- a young man of not more than 25 years -- he wears almost always civilian clothes. He is a friend of Maj. BOGUNIC.

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Other departments depending from the 4-th Section:

Department 321/revision of motors/

Department 323 /lathes/

Department 324 /Diesel motors/.

Department 320:

It is in the ~~main~~ position of being disbanded due to the lack of work orders since November 1951. And it has been, indeed, reduced from 30 workers to 3 in the first days of January 1952.

Equipment:

3 drills of which:

-- 2 radial ones for holes up to 30 mm;

-- 1 bench-type for holes from 7 to 8 mm.

1 platform of 1,500 mm x 4,000 mm.

One of the mentioned radial drills was transferred to Dept. 319 / Dept. for the construction of torpedo tubes/ in Nov. 1951.

Production:

Since 1947 the department was taking part in the construction of:

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Compressors of 7 atmospheres;

Compressors of 200 atmospheres.

Compressors of 7 atmospheres:

400 were ordered from the enterprise; ten more were constructed on the initiative of the enterprise itself in order to use the parts of the machinery and the remaining pieces.

Destination:

BELGRADE

LEPOGLAVA

GALENICA

JESENICE

8 compressors were sent to this last place, and more precisely to the steel-mill.

Seven ~~were~~ immediately became useless due to the incompetence of the personnel which was ^{handling} using them. They were reduced to such a bad state that the workers jokingly used to say that they "were returned from Korea." The direction of the steel-mill even protested to "RANKOVIC" accusing it of faulty construction. The source, the chief technician of the department which constructed them, was sent JESENICE to make an investigation. It was found out that due to bad use at the furnaces the pistons were bursting (cracking).

The making of this type of compressor was stopped in spring 1951.

Compressors of 200 atmospheres:

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57 were made on order.

26 were in the workshop

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because being without gas-bottles /of 8 liters/ they could be neither installed nor delivered. The gas-bottles, which were ordered but never arrived from Austria, arrived short time ago from Italy /DALMINA/. During the test of separator the armor did not

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resist and the consequence was the loss of air and the breaking of some pieces related to the ingredient of the discharge of water. But the gas-bottles resisted. The a/m inconvenients depend from:

--slow screw-tapping

--~~some~~ bad material used for the making of armor (frames).

Consequently, it will be necessary to make new armor (frames).

2 Junkers compressors of 200 atmospheres are still under repair in the department.

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One of the mentioned compressors was taken out of destroyer [redacted] "BALESTRA" [redacted] because severely damaged. Aboard, it served for the functioning of torpedo tubes.

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Also this damage is exclusively due to the incompetence of personnel; it had been, indeed, used without water ~~via~~ circulation, and that is why rubber furnishings dissolved.

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There is the greatest incompetence among the mass in each department. The machinery is used by half-skilled persons and therefore its ~~average~~ duration of functioning is almost always very modest.

Department 321:

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It takes care of the revision of motors. [redacted] it was taking care of the revision of American-made "Packard" motors. Seventy of these motors, packed in boxes, arrived into the establishment [redacted] by sea. After they have been revised and some parts ~~was~~ replaced, they are generally being sent to KORGULA in order to be mounted on motor-torpedo-boats which are being constructed there.

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The working element of "RANKOVIC":

The working element is:

--sufficient in number, perhaps even surpassing the needs;

--the mass, of very low quality, is composed of elements of very modest competence.

Wages:

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They were not increased.

In substitution for ration cardsthe worker receives a.....

given only for the days of the effective

chief technician, was receiving:

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--4,070 Din as monthly salary,

--1,800-2,000 Din as the output premium,

--1,800 Din approx. as the indemnity for ration cards.

Political meetings:

Such meetings were once weekly and obligatory for all the workers; now they are seldom held.

II) Alimentation

Ration cards ~~abolished~~ abolished.

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Only special cards for the purchase of tobacco are in existence.

Foodstuffs ~~put~~ were put
on free market.

Long lines, however, are being formed for the purchase of bread.

The purchaser of meat cannot choose the quality he wants but has to be satisfied with what is given to him.

The price of bread went up from 8 to 48 Din per kg.

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III) Real estate purchases and sales

The sale and the purchase of real estate is allowed under the condition that:

- the seller can show the motives which induce him to sell;
- the purchaser can show the origin of the money which is needed for purchase.

The taxes for such contracts are very high, e.g. for the sale of a house at the price of 900,000 Din, 300,000 Din of taxes were paid.

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A) YUGOSLAV LAND FORCES

a) Troops

AN UNDEFINED DETACHMENT OF INFANTRY

The detachment mentioned above has made camp from July 1951 to date mentioned on the margin about 1.5 km from GALLESANO, and precisely on the southern side of the road which goes from MONTICCIO to LA-
~~xxxxx~~-VARICO

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The detachment has brought to the place 2 barracks and some tents which, on the date mentioned on the margin, were disassembled and transported to POLA by trucks.

CO: a captain.

Other officers: 3-4 inferior ones.

Troop: 250-300 men.

Armament:

Personal: rifles of undefined model.

Detachment: machine guns /undefined/ with tripod.

b) Exercises

Firing: with rifles and machine guns in the ~~xxxxx~~ hills nearby; carried out by day and by night.

Marching: of short duration.

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B) ECONOMIC DATA

GRADSKO PODUZEĆE MEHANIKA /Town Mechanical Enterprise/

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Location: Aldo Rombiz Street

It depends from: Pola People's Committee

Director: Rino ROSANDA /former Army officer/

Head of the workshop: Edoardo RUIBA

Workers: about 100: mechanics

lathe operators

benders

blacksmiths

electricians

tube makers

Production:

The following articles are being made: economic ranges (stoves)

gas stoves

basins for dishwashing

zinc tubs

watering pots for gardens

The repairs of domestic equipment are carried out.

The production of combs from horn-bone is under consideration.

The quantity of products and prices:

The ~~xx~~ production during 1951 was approximately the following:

	Quantity produced:	Price:
Economic ranges	250	17,000 Din
Gas stoves	200	3,000-6,000 Din
Zinc watering pots	200	2,000 Din
Tubs	300	1,700-1,800 Din
Basins for dishwashing	200	1,200-1,400 Din

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The economic ranges underwent a reduction in price in March 1951,

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i.e. from 29,000 to 17,000 Din ~~xxx~~ per one.

Raw materials:

Zinc and iron plate from ZAGREB at 100-110 Din per kg.

"Bergmann" tubing from RIJEKA/FIUME/ at 115-120 Din per kg.

The town construction enterprise of Pola provides:

Covered electric cable at 30 Din per meter;

"OSRAM" type bulbs at 250 Din;

Enamel at 340 Din per kg.

Destination of products:

The products are assigned for sale to the municipal enterprise "IZVOR", the seat of which is in Dante Square in Pola; various resale stores depend from it.

Workers' wages:

The workers are classified according to categories and work 8 hours per day /quota/. They receive the following hourly wages:

1-st and 2-nd category /unknown/

3-rd category: about 13 Din.

4-th category: about 14.50 Din.

5-th category: about 16 Din.

6-th category: about 18 Din.

7-th category: about 21.10 Din.

8-th category: about 23.10 Din.

9-th category: ~~xxx~~ 28 Din.

The enterprises which depend from the a/m enterprise:

The factory of canned tomatoes:

It is located in ~~Prometna~~ Street.

Production: 5-6 metric tons of the canned good per day.

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The origin of tomatoes: from various collective agricultural enterprises from the surroundings of Pola.

The price of canned good: it is sold in barrels at 80 Din per kg.

Workers: about 25 /8 for one shift of work of 8 hours/.

Two ice-producing refrigerators, located:

- one in former Promontore Street,
- one in the central market.

Production: 14 pieces of ice of 25 kg each /hourly and each one/.

Price of the ice: unknown.

Workers: 6 workers are employed in each refrigerator / 2 for each 8-hr shift/.

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C) POLITICAL DATA

CHRISTMAS IN ISTRIA

The Christmas day was calculated in Istria as "working day".

During the days before Christmas, the priests read in various localities a Ministerial circular (circular from Ministry) on the basis of which the absence from work during the day of Christmas was justified (allowed).

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The presence at work was therefore ~~optional~~ considered optional.

The religious functions were carried out regularly, the mass of the midnight included.

The churches were ~~for~~ packed with the faithful.

In POLA, the stores were much better supplied than previous years also because private storekeepers tried to do their best to surpass the state stores in decorating the windows and in having on disposition the bigger quantity and variety of articles of comfort.

Also Christmas trees, which were not to be seen since the ~~end~~ end of the war,

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were seen.

For the first time, after so many years, one could see happy children to look at the stores and at the Christmas trees displayed by some stores in the center of the town of POLA.

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